## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image reading apparatus comprises an original mounting table, a scanning means for scanning an original mounted on the original mounting table, a carriage for mounting the scanning means thereon, a cable for transmitting a moving force to the carriage, and a guide member for guiding the carriage in the movement direction thereof. The carriage is biased in a rotating direction centering about an axis perpendicular to the original mounting table by the tension of the cable.

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